

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
June 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Monique Brown, Kim O'Keefe, Dave Delaney, Andrea Lennon, Kimberly Christenson, Lesley Sweeney, Karen Sommer, Julie Brown, Ruth Washington

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kim O'Keefe
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

Parent's Hour: "Healthy Treats for School Celebrations" Lynne McPhee and Beth Gankofskie They suggested fundraising in healthier ways – less cookies and candy. Promote different birthday celebrations that don't involve sweets. Many handouts offered.

Class sizes and staffing the same as last time

Nomra suggested getting books for the library in honor of Superintendent Gordon Schimmel's as he is retiring this year. Kim motioned to spend \$50 on books for library. Julie Brown seconded. We will ask Linda Sydnie to choose appropriate books.

The budget was passed at the town meeting but tomorrow they decide on whether or not a referendum will occur. Mansfield can only go to referendum once. There is a good chance we will have a revote. It most likely will occur at the end of June. Julie Brown mentioned that it will cost 5 – 6,000 dollars for the referendum itself.

Norma complimented the school on it's positive environment and all the hard work the parents do to continue to offer quality programming for the children.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown

Distance For Dads is the Wednesday after Father's day. Monique questioned leftover water bottles in the closet. Could they be used for this event? They are given away so there is no profit. Kim O'Keefe said we should just use it up.

Kindergarten bags: Monique proposed having the PTO purchase the "Quiet Time" bags that are ordered every year for the Kindergarteners to store supplies in. She shared a sample that could have the school logo and shared a quote for 2 years worth of bags. Unanimous support was given. We will use the current line item for the library book bags.

Monique asked if all felt it was appropriate to use the incoming K contact info shared during the recent bus visit to invite new parents to the PTO. She said she would add a

note that they can be removed from the distribution list if they like. All agreed this was fine.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown

May's minutes were reviewed. She will file the official fundraising list with the PTO minutes for reference

Motion for acceptance with edits by: Dave Delaney

2nd: Kimberly Christenson

All in Favor

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney

Lesley reviewed the treasurer's report.

Highlights:

A lot of activity in June. Tag sale brought in \$1509.71 more than projected.

Balance currently \$21,335.53

Kim O'Keefe motioned to add a \$150 line item to budget to cover the Peobody museum pass when it comes due – Julie Brown seconded the motion.

It was mentioned that there is a need to budget for repairs and upkeep of the playscape in future years.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, changing "#6 to "pass through expense" by Kim O'Keefe

Seconded by: Julie Brown

All in Favor

FUNDRAISING REPORT: None tonight

OTHER:

Kim O'Keefe read some thank you notes from Cheryl Hathway, Senora Hutton, Beth Latino, Lisa Cackowski, & Mary DeVecchis.

EOSmith graduate Matthew Ouimette got the annual scholarship from Southeast.

Big Y points coming back. Look for further information in the fall.

THANK YOU to Ruth Washington for selling all the books/videos etc. at tag sale, Julie Brown for organizing the Tag Sale, and Dave Delaney for helping with transportation. Also thanks to Andrea Lennon for organizing the Defender ticket sales

Kim gave fun gifts to all the board members. THANKS KIM!

Ice Cream Social June 6th: 6:30 – 8PM

Moving On Ceremony is June 17th.

Book Fair will be run by Ruth Washington. Norma says she can set up Tuesday night This one benefits the PTO.

Betsy put in for \$1650.00 to fix up the ropes course. Norma says it actually is a much larger amount. It was clarified that these items are shared amongst the schools. Each school purchases some.

Motion was made by Dave Delaney to give Betsy \$2K for purchasing new equipment for the ropes course. Julie Brown seconded.

Mrs. DeVecchis' class wrote a letter asking the PTO to purchase more games for indoor recess. A motion was made for \$100 by Kim O'Keefe- Julie Brown seconded.

Andrea Lennon thanked for all the support for the events she organized: The Disney Luau, Teacher's luncheon & CT Defenders game. Great events!

Officers for next year:

Lesley Sweeney – Treasurer

Kimberly O'Keefe – President

Monique Brown – Secretary

Andrea Lennon – Vice President

Kimberly Christenson mentioned that there is a new component to the Scrip program where you can give a gift card to Scrip and the person who receives it can pick which card they want.

It was decided that the first Parents Hour next year will be a social to get more members involved.

Motion to adjourn: Kimberly O'Keefe

Motion seconded by: Andrea Lennon

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN
NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2008